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YOUR GUIDE TO A COLOURFUL HOME

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DECORATING MADE EASY

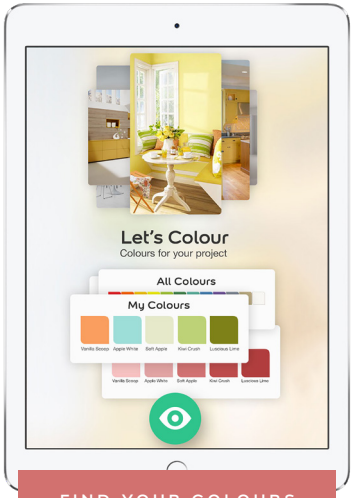
Welcome to the new and refreshed **Let's Colour magazine...**

A lick of paint can make all the **difference to your decor**. Bright yellow to bring in the sun. Cool blue to soothe and relax. The shades we surround ourselves with can **boost our mood** and **enhance our life**. Which is why we make **every step of the journey easy**, from choosing your colour to putting it on the wall. Consider this **your fast-track guide to decorating success**, packed with everything you need for effortless transformation, from **clever tips and tricks** to **complete makeover inspiration**. Paintbrushes at the ready...

MEET OUR EXPERTS

MARIANNE SHILLINGFORD, COLOUR GURU
What our **Dulux Creative Director** Marianne doesn't know about colour isn't worth knowing. This issue, she shares her knowledge to help you pick the perfect palette for your home.

MATT GRAY, PAINT PRO
As our **Skills Development Consultant**, Matt is our go-to guy when it comes to DIY and decorating. Over the following pages, he tells you everything you need to know to get the job done with an expert finish.



FIND YOUR COLOURS

SHOP THE SWATCHES

Look out for swatches (left) and tins (right) throughout the magazine – they let you know which paint we've used and what to look out for in store.

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WIN THE ROOM

Enter our competition on p50 to bag everything you need for a fabulous bedroom update.

GET INSPIRED

BRIGHT IDEAS AND EXPERT ADVICE

This issue: we **inspire** you with on-trend ideas and colour schemes – from a weekend refresh that wows (p8) to a micro makeover in under two hours (p24); and we take the confusion out of colours and **guide** you to the right paint for the job in hand with our fold-out colour guide (p30-34). We've also got the nitty-gritty covered in Ask Dr Dulux (p35-41) and an essential toolkit (p48), with expert help and hacks that **support** you every step of the way, from perfect prep to finishing the job like a pro. In short, we've got all your decorating needs sorted.

SHARE YOUR STORIES

JOIN THE COMMUNITY

We're all about helping you with every aspect of your painting project. Whether you're after inspiration or advice, you'll find it at dulux.co.uk – sign up to our monthly newsletter for content direct to your inbox. Remember to share pictures or videos of your makeover using #feelgoodcolour. You'll be Insta-famous!

ON THE COVER

Recreate the look on the cover with this trio of new-season neutrals from our Colour of the Year palette, below, and the supremely comfy DFS Hackney two-seater sofa. As our trusted furniture partner, you'll want to keep your eyes peeled for their most covetable pieces in this issue.

Spiced Honey™ | Soft Stone™ | White Cotton™

COLOUR LOOKBOOK

Say hello to Spiced Honey, our Colour of the Year 2019

Get one step ahead of the colour curve by using 2019's hottest hue in your home: **Spiced Honey**. Our Colour of the Year – chosen by a panel of global colour experts – is a rich, warm shade that works perfectly with this season's new neutrals. Combine with dusky pink and cream, then layer with copper and soft grey accents, a lived-in leather chair or sofa, wooden accessories and sumptuous textured furnishings for a touch of hotel chic with real-home warmth.

Our Colour of the Year was inspired by the warm tones of honey

Pair your luxurious new colour palette with seriously plush accessories – beautiful and practical...

OBJECTS OF DESIRE

1 When it comes to soft furnishings, complementary shades and contrasting textures add interest and depth

2 For balance, sleek, minimalist touches like a statement clock keep neutrals modern

3 Natural accents, like wood or stone, feel laid-back but luxurious

4 This vintage-look, leather Hackney armchair from DFS is just the thing to bring the scheme together

COLOUR LOOKBOOK

Bring our Colour of the Year to life with three takes on the trend...

BORDER LINES

Add understated elegance to your bedroom by topping **Soft Stone** walls with a ceiling-height border in rich **Spiced Honey**. Natural wooden flooring pairs perfectly with the palette and ensures the look is as functional as it is fun; while a retro side table and an oval-shaped mirror make for simple but stylish accessories. Complete the effect with crisp white bedlinen and a smattering of cosy cushions in warm neutrals.

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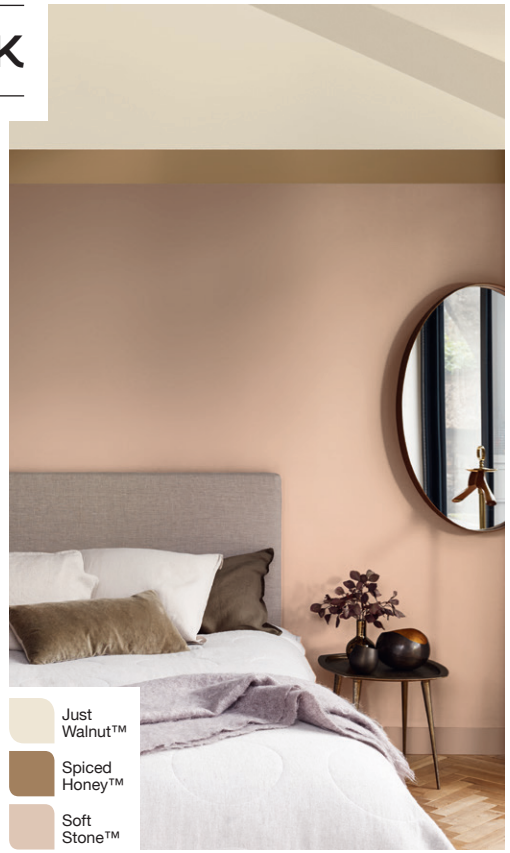

Just Walnut™
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Soft Stone™

Elva Cuddler grey sofa, from DFS (right)

White Cotton™ Soft Stone™ Just Walnut™ Spiced Honey™

EARN YOUR STRIPES

Accentuate the sumptuousness of **Spiced Honey** walls – and keep the look modern – by adding horizontal stripes around the top, in the subdued tones of **Just Walnut** and **Soft Stone**. Furnish with comfortable, contemporary pieces for the warmest of welcomes, and sharpen up the scheme with structural light fittings.

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EXPERT KNOW-HOW

Marianne Shillingford

"Colour-blocking with a small area of Spiced Honey creates a big impact on a chimney breast. Pair with off-white walls and layers of smart pale, grey and black accessories, together with a hints of pink to soften the look."

Just Walnut™ Spiced Honey™

THE WEEKEND PROJECT

Create the biggest impact in your smallest room

Don't forget about the downstairs toilet when you're decorating just because it's compact and out of the way. After all, it's so regularly used by friends and family that it's a superb opportunity to show off your personal style – not to mention a great selling point when you put your home on the market. In this quick and easy makeover, we've chosen deep navy **Sapphire Salute** for the walls and paired it with gentle **Blush Pink** on the ceiling and floor, for a decadent edge. The bold use of blue draws the eye and elongates the room to showstopping effect; while the soft pink lightens things up and balances the use of dark colour. Follow our two-day guide below and give yourself a toilet to treasure, in just one weekend!

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Dulux Easycare Washable & Tough; Polycell Multi Purpose Polyfilla

EXPERT KNOW-HOW

Matt Gray

"Don't worry about trying to get a straight edge when you're painting your ceiling in **Blush Pink** – you can achieve a straight line with Sapphire Salute once it's dry."

TAKEAWAY TIP

Buy your paint after work during the week so you can start your project first thing on Saturday morning

KEEP THINGS ON TRACK

Saturday morning
Start by clearing the space of belongings and covering anything that needs protecting. Use **Polycell Polyfilla** to fill any cracks or holes in the surfaces you're painting, then gently sand and clean, and leave to dry.

Saturday afternoon
Use a 2" brush to paint the edges of the ceiling and around light fittings in **Blush Pink**, then fill in the rest of the ceiling using a roller. Let the paint dry and apply a second coat if needed.

Sunday morning
Apply low-tack masking tape to the ceiling along the line where it meets the walls, to get a neat finish. Paint **Sapphire Salute** on the walls – first cutting in with a 2" brush, then filling in the rest with a roller and allowing to dry.

Sunday afternoon
Mask along the walls where they meet the skirting, and use the brush to apply two coats of **Blush Pink** to the skirting and edge of the floor; then fill in the rest of the floor using the same colour with a roller. Leave to dry.

BIG LIFE MOMENT

Add balance to your new nursery with pops of colour against a tranquil backdrop

Bringing a new baby home means big changes, and nobody knows this better than Jemma and Thomas, parents of two-year-old Fred and latest arrival Wilbur (above). For this issue, we helped the London-based couple reinvent an unloved room "usually used as a bit of a dumping ground" – just in time to welcome Wilbur.

With a few tips from us, Jemma and Thomas turned their guestroom – previously painted in a neutral beige palette – into a bright and inviting nursery for their beautiful new baby. "We wanted to find a way to marry practicality and playfulness," they explain.

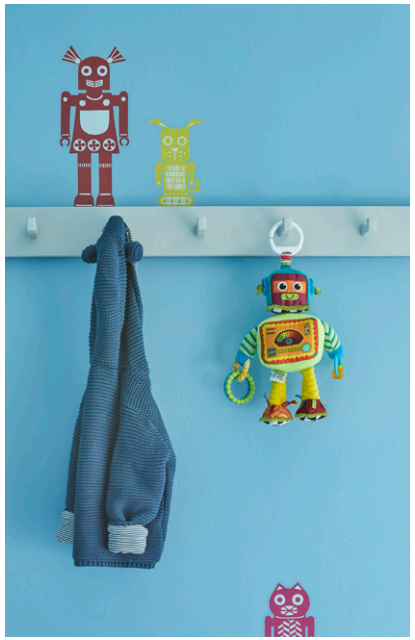
We used **Nordic Sky** to create a cool, calm backdrop, adding vibrant splashes of yellow and red through small accents and accessories. Combining little bursts of colour with mid-tones strikes the right balance, allowing a child to feel energetic in the day, but calm – and ready for bedtime – at night!

- Nordic Sky™
- Banana Split™
- Pepper Red™
- Sapphire Salute™

Dulux paint has not been used on any of the nursery furniture, toys or accessories

"We're planning to move Fred into the room with Wilbur within a year, so this space will really grow with both children"

TAKEAWAY TIP
Make use of multifunctional furniture that acts as both seating and storage



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"Story time with Fred and Wilbur is my favourite part of the day," says Jemma. To make it feel extra special, we carved out a dedicated space for reading, using **Rock Salt** to zone the corner. Dividing a room helps define areas for different activities and maintain routines for children.

"We were so pleased when the room was revealed," Thomas says. "Wilbur had a big smile on his face!"

Why not try combining two colours in your nursery to make a fun but functional space?

Dulux Easycare Washable & Tough; Dulux Light & Space
Repels spills and stains; makes rooms feel brighter and spacious

3 MORE IDEAS TO TRY

1 SWEET DREAMS

Paint the largest block of colour across the bottom half of the walls. **Polished Pebble** is a soothing tone that will create a comforting zone for the cot and encourage deep sleeps. Fix shelves above, highlighted in **Emerald Glade** and **Lagoon Falls** (also on the top half of the walls), to add playful definition and draw the eye to cute keepsakes, such as favourite toys and drawings.

2 ALL GROWN UP

Create a timeless space with classic **Willow Tree**. This calming and neutral shade will grow with your child, maintaining a bright and open room for you to spend time in together as the years roll by.

3 CHILD'S PLAY

Splash the walls with plenty of energy, using vibrant **Banana Split**. Once your little ones are ready to run around and play, give them a bright backdrop to encourage that fizzing imagination. The lively colour is great for nurturing creativity at playtime, while a few patterned cushions make for fun flourishes.

TAKEAWAY TIP
Rugs, cushions, throws – bring the inside out by taking your interior decor al fresco

READY FOR SUMMER

Make your entertaining easy with a simple painted terrace

For a fuss-free garden that's ready for hosting, go for simple decking and fencing using **Cuprinol** colour and protection. Combining both, this chill-out area is the height of laid-back luxe, layering bohemian furnishings and bright colours over pared-back **Urban Slate** fencing. The perfect spot for lazy days in the sun... and late-night drinks under the stars.

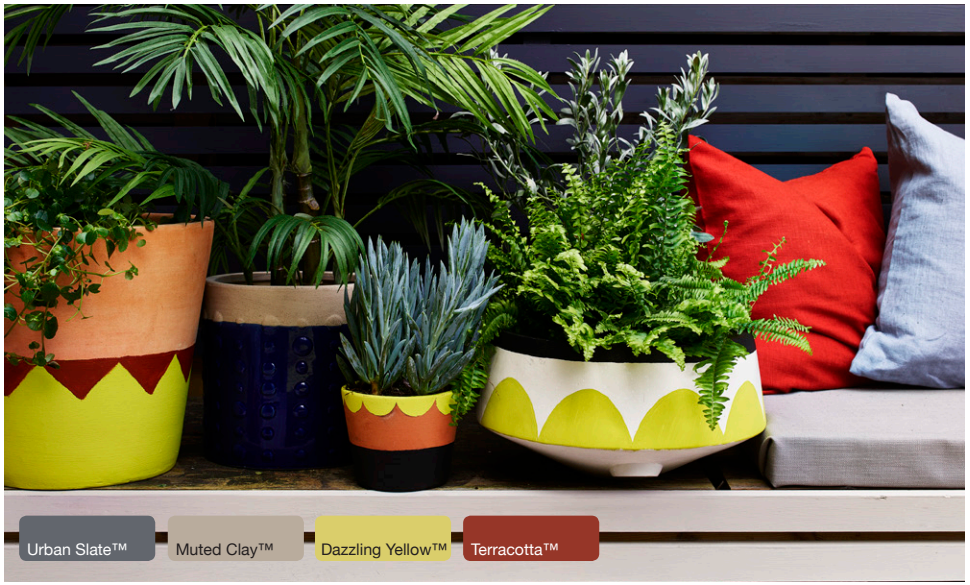
UPCYCLED TABLE

Garden furniture doesn't need to cost a fortune. For a cheap and cheerful addition to your outside space, take an old wooden pallet and give it a quick sand before applying a coat or two of **Cuprinol Garden Shades** (we've used **Dazzling Yellow**, left). Once it's dry, pop four wheels on the bottom for an upcycled outdoor coffee table. A surprisingly simple but effective way of moving drinks around your decking – and a real conversation piece!

CUSTOMISED POTS

Paint your fence in **Urban Slate** so you've got the perfect backdrop for bright and bold colours. Accessorise the area with painted plant pots in **Dazzling Yellow** and **Terracotta**, and complement with bright-red cushions for a far-flung feel.

Cuprinol Garden Shades; Cuprinol Anti-slip Decking Stain; Dulux Weathershield Masonry Paint



URBAN OASIS

Turn a small outdoor space into your very own urban retreat…

1 If you're going to make the best use of your space, you'll need storage. Give some old crates a splash of colour on the inside, and hang them on the wall at different heights. **Seagrass** makes a fitting setting for a mini herb garden.

2 Set the scene and style the space with strung fairylights that encourage using the area in the evening as well as the day.

3 For your garden furniture choose colours that really sing, such as **Sage**, to make the space feel warm and welcoming for visiting friends and family.

4 For larger areas like floors, fences and walls, use lighter tones to create a sense of space: try **Silver Birch** for decking – anti-slip and protective – and **Ashen White** for masonry. Small gardens can feel like an extra room with a little imagination!

REAL LIFE COLOUR

Pull up a pew at the table of this creative abode

Daniel and wife Laura (pictured overleaf) are the ultimate creative couple: he is an award-winning wallpaper and textile designer, while she is a colour and materials consultant. Together, their love of inspiring interiors and decor expertise has driven them to create a bright but balanced space for their family of three, with a little help from Dulux paint.

Desert Island 2™

Frosted Steel™

TAKEAWAY TIP
Paint one room at a time, so the project always seems manageable and contained

"We've been able to marry our different styles to create a harmonious space"

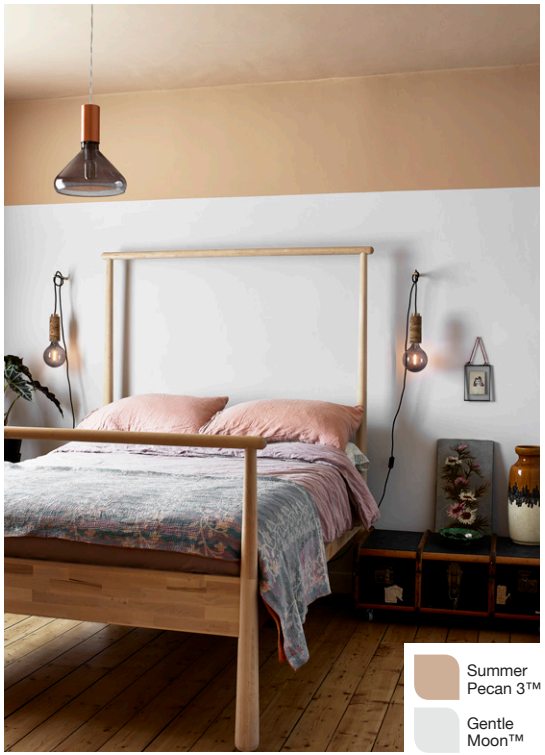
Sicilian Summer 6™

ARTISTIC VISION

By using standout pieces of upcycled furniture – handcrafted by Daniel himself, no less – against a background of airy **Sicilian Summer 6**, the couple has shaped a creative and refreshing living space. Luscious green potted plants add a natural touch that pairs well with Daniel's sustainable creations.

Working with the layout of the room, Daniel sanded the pale wooden floorboards to enhance the way light spreads across them from the large sash windows. The rich blue sofa provides a colourful focus, festooned with abstract cushions collected from the couple's travels.

Finished with quirky ornaments – and tied together by a central rug that echoes the overall colour palette – the room is a stylish, sensory place for all-important family time.



Summer Pecan 3™

Gentle Moon™

Summer Linen™

Celtic Moor 2™

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CALMING INFLUENCE

"Laura and I wanted to create a place of calm in the master bedroom," explains Daniel. "Relaxing cups of tea sprang to mind, so we went for the tanned hues of **Summer Pecan 3**, teamed with **Gentle Moon**." Statement pieces like the vintage filament bulbs add warmth, without disrupting the tranquil mood with harsh lighting.

THE GREEN ROOM

Daniel recommends taking inspiration from your surroundings – such as a bookstore he visited, which has a railway station painted on the walls, featuring rich pops of green. The colour in that setting had a lively, playful quality, so Daniel injected a similar element of fun in the nursery, using **Celtic Moor 2** as the block colour.

Want to transform your interiors like Daniel and Laura? The hardest part can be finding the time to fit a big decorating project into your routine. Visit duluxselectdecorators.co.uk to find a painter to help you achieve your dreams.

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TAKEAWAY TIP

Use blues, greys and off-whites for calm and concentration in a home office

PAINT BY NUMBERS

Tailor a top trend to suit your style for a dedicated office space

This season's must-try trend is geometric shapes. But fear not, we've got a handy cheat-sheet (below) to help you master it in minutes. It's a great way to create strong focal points and dedicated spaces in multi-functional rooms, and we've combined sharp angles and pastel palettes for our own take on the technique. The rules are simple – there are no rules! Be playful; embrace asymmetry; and don't be afraid to experiment. Follow the six simple steps below to conjure up your own stylish office space in a flash.

WATCH OUR HOW-TO VIDEO ON THIS GEOMETRIC TECHNIQUE AT DULUX.CO.UK

YOU'LL NEED

- Paints from colour palette (see below, left)
- Masking tape
- String, chalk and pin
- Tape measure and pencil
- Mixing stick
- Drop cloths or plastic sheeting (for covering furniture and fixtures)
- Step ladder (for getting at those hard-to-reach spots)
- 2" paintbrush
- Roller and tray

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1 With **Mint Macaroon**, paint around light fittings and skylights on the ceiling with a 2" brush, then fill in with a roller.

2 Brush **Pure Brilliant White** along the wall where it meets the ceiling. Fill in the rest of the wall with a roller; allow to dry.

3 Measure and mask off the area of wall that will frame your office zone, then use coloured chalk to roughly mark your shapes.

4 Run the chalk along the string. Tape the string at each end of a shape and ping it against the wall to create a straight line. It really works!

5 Mask off the shapes, one at a time, before filling them in with paints from our colour palette (left), using a small roller or brush. Be sure to peel away masking tape carefully!

6 Clean and lightly sand the skirting boards. Mask off the wall, then apply two coats of **Urban Obsession**. Step back and admire your hard work.

MICRO MAKEOVERS

Get clever with colour and reinvent your classic furniture

Revamping a well-loved piece of furniture with paint can give your room an update in just a couple of hours. The key is choosing something with a great shape and a lot of potential – like this designer-style chair, transformed from beige to brilliant with an eye-catching dipped-leg effect. Be inspired by the four quick projects on this page and have a go yourself.

- Chic Shadow™
- Orange Fizz™

TAKEAWAY TIP
Don't spend money on designer pieces: look online for inspiration and recreate your own

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STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

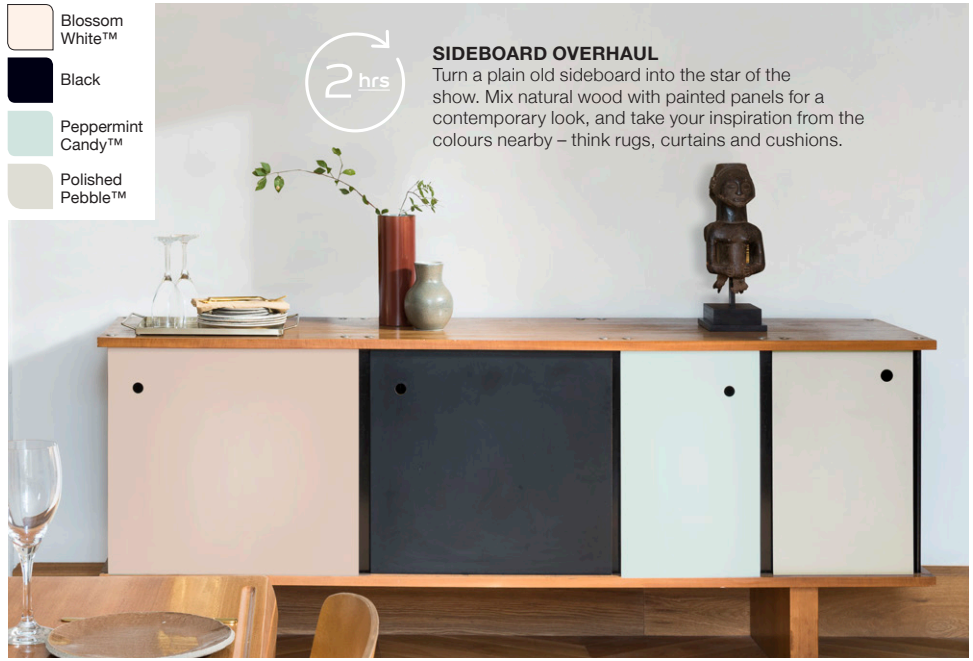
35 minutes
Use **Polycell Maximum Strength Paint Stripper** to remove existing paint layers from the chair. Sand with medium-coarse paper, then vacuum and wipe with a damp cloth.

40 minutes (+ drying)
Apply the main colour with a quality 3" paintbrush (use a 1" brush for the fiddly bits). Resist the urge to slap it on – two light coats will give a better finish.

15 minutes
Make sure the base colour is dry before measuring where you want the colour on the lower legs of the chair to begin. Mask off with tape to create a neat line.

30 minutes (+ drying)
Apply a contrasting shade to the feet. Once the paint is dry, remove the masking tape and stand back to admire your masterpiece.

- Blossom White™
- Black
- Peppermint Candy™
- Polished Pebble™



SIDEBOARD OVERHAUL

Turn a plain old sideboard into the star of the show. Mix natural wood with painted panels for a contemporary look, and take your inspiration from the colours nearby – think rugs, curtains and cushions.

SHELVING SHAKE-UP

Make a small but strong statement by adding an accent colour to the front of your shelving. Choose a surprising shade like yellow to add a refreshing dash to the room.

- Vanilla Sundae™

Dulux Quick Dry; Polycell Maximum Strength Paint Stripper

TABLE TURNAROUND

Transform a tatty table by painting the top and legs in contrasting shades for a balanced but impactful finish. For ease, flip the table upside down and start with the legs, then turn it back over to paint the top.

- Willow Tree™
- Proud Peacock™

MY COLOUR STORY

Focus on one room and totally transform it with your dream colour

Paint gets personal, as this trio of rooms reveals. Readers Sakina, Kelly and Robyn each chose a single space in their homes to decorate using their favourite colours. The results are remarkable, so be inspired by their projects and start plotting your own.

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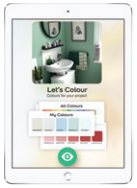

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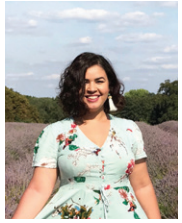
SAMPLE THE SHADE

Try your shortlist shades on the wall with mess-free Roller Testers

SAKINA SAIDI



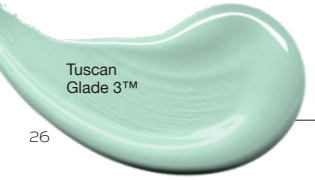
BATHROOM BRIGHTENER

"When my husband and I started renting our flat, it was painted entirely in **Magnolia**, but I can't stand plain walls!

I love green and wanted a pastel shade in the bathroom, so when I visited the Dulux website, **Tuscan Glade 3** immediately stood out.

We painted the walls in full, but felt that one block colour in a compact space with high ceilings would be overwhelming. After browsing the web for inspiration, we painted the top of the walls, the ceiling and skirting in white. This made the pastel shade pop and allowed more light to bounce around, opening up a small room.

The landlord might change it back when we leave, but for now, paint is an easy solution that added bags of personality."



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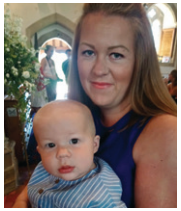
Warm Pewter™ Mineral Mist™

KELLY HASELDINE



NOVEL NURSERY

"Our baby, Herbie, was long-awaited, so news of his forthcoming arrival spurred us on to buy our first home after 10 years of renting. (We moved in just seven days before he was born!)

After seeing the light pouring through the skylight into the nursery, we thought a dark colour combined with lighter tones would create a bold yet calming scheme for Herbie to wake up to.

The softness of **Warm Pewter** and **Mineral Mist** makes for a soothing effect. As an added bonus, the colours were from the **Easycare** range, which is a good job as I've already had to wipe away stains twice!

Herbie is always relaxed in this room – we both love to cosy up in the armchair. Plus, he always looks at the feature wall, which makes us both happy."

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ROBYN DONALDSON

Sulphur Springs 2™

GUESTROOM GOLD

"One of the walls at work is painted in a rich, browny-yellow, which I love. So when it came to decorating the guest bedroom, I knew I wanted it in there, too. I managed to match the shade by using roller testers – I always start a paint job by doing a few quick and easy colour swatches on the wall.

The balanced tone of **Sulphur Springs 2** is just great – it's not too bright or dull. The ashy, green hues are luxuriously exotic, mimicking the same earthy warmth that you see in gallery period portraits.

We're so often out and about leading busy lives that everyone should be able to return home after a long day and indulge in a cosy space.

People shouldn't be scared of expressing themselves boldy, either. It's only paint!"

COLOUR CHOICE MADE EASY

Find your perfect colour match with our simple step-by-step system

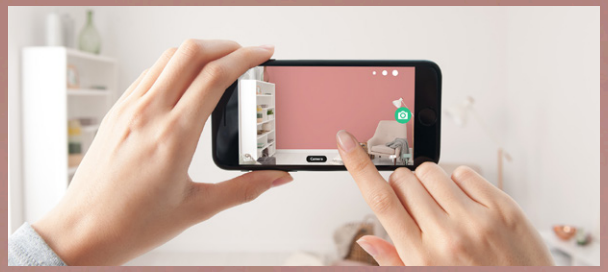
EXPLORE OUR RANGE

1

Check out this colour chart

Use this handy fold-out chart to see our colour range at a glance and get a feel for your favourites. See p42 for tips on how to pick the right shades for the light conditions in your room.

VISUALISE OUR COLOURS



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Download our app

Our **Dulux Visualizer app** is an easy way to have fun with colour and shortlist your top picks, without even lifting a paintbrush. Simply download the free app, scan the room with your phone or tablet, and virtually paint your walls with a tap of the screen.

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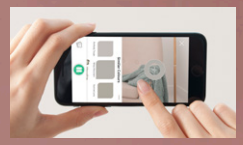
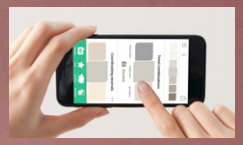
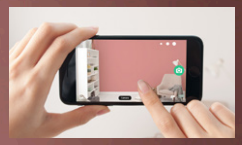


PICK A COLOUR
Choose a colour from our range or use the Colour Picker tool to match to an existing object.



GET INSPIRED
Find further inspiration to help you decide by browsing our suggested colour schemes.



SHARE THE LOOK
See instantly how your selected shades look in your room, then share with friends and family, directly from the app.

FIND YOUR PERFECT MATCH

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Colour with confidence

Once you've narrowed down your search with our **Visualizer app**, there's no better way to make your final decision than with **Dulux Roller Testers**. These mess-free, easy-to-apply rollers go straight on to your wall without the need for any additional kit. They let you see how your shortlisted shades actually look in your home, so you can choose your final colours with confidence. **Simply pick up in store, or order at dulux.co.uk or through the app and they'll be delivered straight to your door.**

All your favourite colours at a glance*

Colours for walls & ceilings

Product Key
- Dulux Matt & Dulux Silk emulsion
- Easycare™ Washable & Tough
- Easycare™ Kitchen
- Easycare™ Bathroom
- Light+Space™
- Once™
- Feature Wall Matt

Ivory	Buttermilk	Elderflower Tea™	Intense Truffle™	Heart Wood™	Rich Black™	Urban Obsession™	Deep Fossil™	Sapphire Salute™	Teal Tension™	Emerald Glade™
Natural Wicker™	Orchid White™	Vanilla White™	Cookie Dough™	Soft Truffle™	Perfectly Taupe™	Natural Slate™	Warm Pewter™	Denim Drift™	Stonewash Blue™	Proud Peacock™
Magnolia	Jasmine White™	Almond White™	Soft Stone™	Malt Chocolate™	Pebble Shore™	Chic Shadow™	Coastal Grey™	Nordic Sky™	Teal Touch™	Lagoon Falls™
Ivory Lace™	Natural Calico™	Summer Linen™	Caramel Latte™	Mellow Mocha™	Egyptian Cotton™	Goose Down™	Misty Mirror™	Blue Babe™	Marine Splash™	Willow Tree™
Desert Wind™	Timeless™	Morning Light™	Natural Hessian™	Gentle Fawn™	White Mist™	Polished Pebble™	Frosted Steel™	First Dawn™	Mint Macaroon™	Ocean Ripple™
Frosted Dawn™	Fine Cream™	White Cotton™	Just Walnut™	Nutmeg White™	Rock Salt™	Cornflower White™	Blueberry White™	Mineral Mist™	First Frost™	Jade White™

Absolute White Light+Space™ & Pure Brilliant White also available

Enchanted Eden™	Kiwi Crush™	Lemon Punch™	Moroccan Flame™	Redcurrant Glory™	Sumptuous Plum™	Mulberry Burst™
Overtly Olive™	Luscious Lime™	Banana Split™	Copper Blush™	Roasted Red™	Raspberry Diva™	Purple Pout™
New Mossy Stone™	Fresh Stem™	Lemon Pie™	Soft Peach™	Pepper Red™	Berry Smoothie™	Lavender Quartz™
Jurassic Stone™	Melon Sorbet™	Vanilla Sundae™	Honey Beam™	Coral Flair™	Pretty Pink™	Dusted Fondant™
Apple White™	Daffodil White™	Lemon Spirit™	Coastal Glow™	Jasmine Shimmer™	Spring Rose™	Violet White™
Nordic Spa™	Lunar Falls™	Wild Primrose™	Moon Shimmer™	Soft Coral™	Blush Pink™	Cotton Breeze™

Colours for wood & metal

Black Quick Dry Satinwood, Non-drip Gloss, Once™ Gloss, Once™ Satinwood	Soft Stone™ Quick Dry Gloss, Quick Dry Satinwood	Jurassic Stone™ Quick Dry Eggshell
Chic Shadow™ Quick Dry Gloss	Mellow Mocha™ Quick Dry Satinwood	Egyptian Cotton™ Quick Dry Satinwood
Pebble Shore™ Quick Dry Eggshell	Buttermilk™ Quick Dry Gloss	Natural Hessian™ Quick Dry Gloss, Quick Dry Satinwood, Once™ Satinwood
Polished Pebble™ Quick Dry Satinwood	Magnolia™ Quick Dry Gloss, Quick Dry Satinwood, Once™ Gloss, Once™ Satinwood	Natural Calico™ Quick Dry Gloss, Quick Dry Satinwood, Quick Dry Eggshell, Once™ Satinwood
Timeless™ Quick Dry Gloss, Quick Dry Satinwood, Quick Dry Eggshell, Once™ Satinwood	Barley White™ Quick Dry Satinwood	Almond White™ Quick Dry Satinwood
White Cotton™ Quick Dry Satinwood, Once™ Satinwood	Jasmine White™ Quick Dry Gloss, Quick Dry Satinwood, Once™ Satinwood	Absolute White™ Quick Dry Satinwood, Light+Space™
Willow Tree™ Quick Dry Satinwood	Mineral Mist™ Quick Dry Satinwood	Blossom White™ Quick Dry Satinwood
Luscious Lime™ Quick Dry Gloss	Peppermint Candy™ Quick Dry Satinwood	Vanilla Sundae™ Quick Dry Satinwood
Urban Obsession™ Quick Dry Gloss	Proud Peacock™ Quick Dry Gloss	Orange Fizz™ Quick Dry Satinwood

*If you can't find your colour in our Ready Mixed range, you can get any colour mixed at selected stores

Dulux Weathershield

Exterior walls masonry

Pure Brilliant White also available

Brick Red Smooth Masonry	Muted Gold Smooth Masonry	County Cream™ Smooth & Textured Masonry	Green Ivy™ Smooth Masonry	Warm Truffle™ Smooth Masonry	Black Smooth Masonry
Toasted Terracotta™ Smooth Masonry	Sandstone Smooth & Textured Masonry	Gardenia™ Smooth & Textured Masonry	Classic Cream Smooth Masonry	Pale Slate™ Smooth Masonry	Frosted Lake™ Smooth Masonry
Magnolia Smooth & Textured Masonry	Buttermilk Smooth Masonry	Cornish Cream Smooth Masonry	Jasmine White™ Smooth & Textured Masonry	Ashen White™ Smooth Masonry	Concrete Grey Smooth & Textured Masonry

Exterior wood & metal

Royal Berry™ Gloss	Hazel Truffle™ Satin	Green Glade™ Satin	Heathland™ Satin	Oxford Blue Gloss & Satin	Black Gloss & Satin
Monarch™ Gloss	Conker Gloss	Valley Rock™ Satin	Highland Green™ Gloss	Atlantic Blue™ Gloss	Gallant Grey™ Gloss & Satin
Cranberry Crunch™ Gloss	Celtic Cream™ Satin	Cream Tea™ Satin	Buckingham Gloss	Misty Sky™ Satin	Dove Slate™ Satin

Multisurface

Fresh Sage™ Quick Dry Satin	Vast Lake™ Quick Dry Satin	Warm Graphite™ Quick Dry Satin	Black Quick Dry Satin	Cotton Cream™ Quick Dry Satin	Smooth Flint™ Quick Dry Satin

ASK DR DULUX

We're here to help with all your decorating dilemmas

THE RULES

Which order do I paint a room in?

It's easy to revamp your room when you know how. We walk you through it, step by step

1 **CEILINGS** Before you start, protect the floor and prep all your surfaces (sand rough areas; fill cracks). If the ceiling is cracked, use **Polycell Crack-free Ceilings** for a good-as-new finish. Paint the edges of the ceiling with a brush. Next, ditch the ladder and use a roller attached to an extension pole to paint the ceiling itself. **Dulux Magic White** is great for ceilings because it goes on pink before quickly fading to white, so you never miss a spot.

2 **WALLS** Cut in around the edges with a brush, starting at the top, before using a roller for the main wall and a long-handled mini-roller to get behind any radiators. For busy parts of the home, **Dulux Easycare** is a stain-repellent and washable paint that stays looking good for longer.

3 **WINDOWS AND DOORS** Fill holes and cracks with **Polycell**, then sand back to a smooth surface before vacuuming and wiping down. Apply two coats of your woodwork paint, allowing it to dry in-between. Save time and trouble with self-undercoating **Dulux Quick Dry** for woodwork and metal.

4 **SKIRTING** Fill and sand back any cracks, then mask off the wall where it meets the skirting. Next, apply two coats of your woodwork paint, allowing it to dry in-between.

ANY QUESTIONS? CALL OUR CUSTOMER ADVICE CENTRE ON 0333 222 71 71

ASK DR DULUX

I'm painting the outside of my house. Where do I start?

STEP #1

The key questions

1

HOW BIG IS YOUR HOUSE?
Calculate the area to paint by multiplying the approximate width by the height, deducting windows and doors. Then visit dulux.co.uk to work out paint quantity.

2

WHAT CONDITION IS IT IN?
Have a closer look: is there crumbling masonry or rotten woodwork to fix? This will take time to repair, so factor that into the schedule, too.

3

IS THE JOB COMPLICATED?
Before you start, assess obstacles like doors, windows, fences and hedges, which could slow the project down or require safety scaffolding.

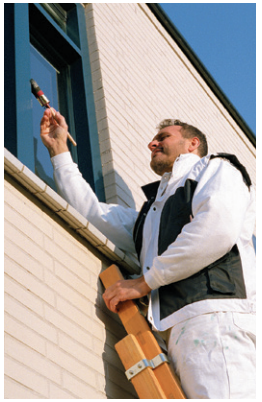
4

WHAT'S THE WEATHER LIKE?
It's obvious that you can't paint in the rain, but all types of extreme weather are best avoided, as they can affect the way paint dries and the finish.

STEP #2

When to go pro

Getting the outside of your house done properly can seriously improve your kerb appeal. A decorator can deliver a better finish in less time, but doing it yourself can save money and lets you control the schedule. When deciding, it's worth considering what repair work is required and any health and safety factors, as well as your own skill set. Long ladders and scaffolding are best left to the experts!



Turn to p44 for tips on hiring a professional, and visit duluxselectdecorators.co.uk to find an approved Dulux Select Decorator.

DULUX WEATHERSHIELD: WHY IT WORKS

Keep exteriors as bold as the day they were painted with colours that renew and protect. Dulux Weathershield helps masonry and timber withstand the elements to keep outer walls looking good for up to 15 years.

STEP #3

Your exterior paint palette

Find the colours to express your style and make the most of your property

The outside of your house is the first thing people see, so pick your palette from the **Dulux Weathershield** range to turn heads for all the right reasons.

- Think about the style and era of the building: traditional or country can be updated with chalky or pastel shades; while greys and neutrals bring classicism to modern designs; for Victorian or Edwardian, consider heritage-inspired shades of grey, cream or pale blue, befitting their period.
- To create a sense of flow, echo the colours used inside – because there's more natural light outside, you can go a couple of shades darker than you might indoors.
- Look to your neighbourhood for colour inspiration, from brickwork to trees. There are 19 shades in the **Dulux Weathershield Smooth Masonry** range and 6 **Dulux Weathershield Textured Masonry** paint shades – something to suit all styles.
- Use outdoor lighting to enhance exterior paintwork in the evening: yellow-amber bulbs mute blues and greens and make oranges and yellows more vivid; white lights resemble natural light, keeping your walls bright by day and night.

ASK DR DULUX

THE RULES

How do I avoid masking tape leaks?

Professional masking tape will keep lines looking razor sharp

- Avoid buying cheap masking tape, as paint can bleed behind it. Choose a professional painter's tape that's right for the surface you're masking off: light adhesion for delicate surfaces like wallpaper or treated wood; and a medium tack for glass or gloss-paint surfaces.
- Make sure your surface is dust-free and dry – never mask damp paint. Use short sections of tape to stay straight and avoid stretching.
- Finally, wait an hour or so until the paint feels dry to the touch before slowly peeling the tape back. If paint peels away with the tape, run a razor blade along the tape's edge to keep it in place.

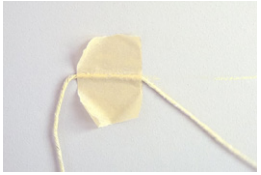
TRY-IT TECHNIQUE

PAINTED STRIPES

How do I create a straight line on the wall for horizontal stripes?

STEP 1
Mark both ends of your planned line with chalk by measuring the same distance up from the floor at each end.

STEP 2
Coat a length of string in chalk; tape it to the wall at one mark.



STEP 3
Pull it tight across the wall and tape it at the other end mark.

STEP 4
Gently stretch the string outwards, then let it snap back, creating a guideline to mask off with tape.

PROBLEM SOLVED

My brush keeps losing bristles

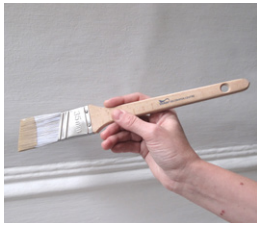
Loose bristles slow down the painting process and spoil the finish

- INVEST in a set of decent synthetic brushes for water-based paint.
- WRAP your paintbrushes in clingfilm for up to two days during paint jobs to protect and preserve them.
- SOAK brushes for two hours after water-based paint jobs, then squeeze and re-shape them before leaving to dry.
- USE specialist, solvent-based cleaners stored in old jars for oil-based paints. Work bristles into the cleaner, then soak for two hours before drying with a clean cloth.

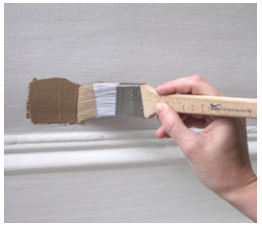
TAKEAWAY TIP
Natural bristles are best for a finer finish on wood – smooth and flawless

THE KNOWLEDGE

How do I achieve perfect lines around woodwork?



STEP 1
When you're painting a wall, start by cutting in the edges with a brush. Choose a quality angled brush from the **Dulux Perfect Edges** range.



STEP 2
Use up some paint away from the edge first. Hold your brush in a firm pencil grip.

STEP 3
Start away from the edge, then move in towards it and work your way along slowly, 30cm at a time. Move away again to finish your stroke – then go back over the same area.

ASK DR DULUX

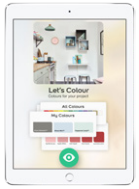
DECORATING DILEMMA

How do I open up a small kitchen?

Colour is key for brightening up compact rooms and creating the illusion of space

Your kitchen doesn't need to be massive to make it a place you want to spend time in – a few clever tricks with colour and it can become the hub of any home. Here, we've opened up a small, dark kitchen using bright **White Cotton** as the backdrop, while the units have been given a new lease of life in light **Polished Pebble**. To add more storage, we mounted a series of simple square boxes on the far wall, then painted accent bands of colour inside with **Mineral Mist** and **Peppermint Candy** to really make them pop. Finally, we refreshed the stools using **Urban Obsession** and **Mineral Mist**, making the old new again for the ultimate in upcycled chic.

SEE IT



IDEAS AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

Download our Visualizer app on your phone today to see how these colours will look in your kitchen

EXPERT KNOW-HOW

Marianne Shillingford

"Embrace the space you have and display colourful dishes on shelves and worktops – they'll be on show and close to hand."

TAKEAWAY TIP

If you're tight for space, use clever solutions like a fold-down table and stackable stools

COLOUR KNOW-HOW

Harness your home's natural light with the right hues

SOUTH-FACING
South-facing rooms enjoy intense, warm sunlight all day long, so most colours will work well. Pale pastels will bounce light around, creating a spacious and airy feel: try cool bluey greens for calming living rooms and bedrooms, or yellow hues for happy kitchens.

NORTH-FACING
The light streaming into north-facing rooms can be cool and blue-toned. For lounges, bedrooms and kitchens, warm neutrals and pinks will reflect the light and stop it feeling gloomy. Go for terracotta undertones to create an intimate atmosphere.

EAST-FACING
These rooms receive warm sunlight in the morning and cooler, shady light later on. Enjoy throughout the day by painting in pale blues or greens – their soft, soothing quality will look beautiful in any room, morning, noon and night.

WEST-FACING
Thanks to the setting sun, west-facing rooms are dramatically lit in the evening. Depending on what the room is used for, go for pale greys to keep it relaxing; or warm, earthy palettes to create an invigorating space. Avoid painting with blue shades, which can make west-facing rooms feel cold.

ARTIFICIAL LIGHT
Halogen bulbs give off a clear white light that won't distort paint colours, while incandescent bulbs produce a yellow light that intensifies warm tints – perfect for living spaces. LED bulbs are a versatile option, with many shades of white light available to suit any setting.

SERENE SPLENDOUR
Use pale blues and greens for a positive and bright atmosphere in a south-facing room.

Willow Tree™

Chic Shadow™

COOL UNDERTONES
Classic and cool grey walls suit west-facing rooms, and look great under artificial light, too.

HOW TO USE TESTERS

Start by painting two coats of your chosen colours onto A4 pieces of paper (don't forget to write corresponding names on them!). Move the testers around your room and check on them at intervals during the day, to see how the colours look in different lights.

PREP FOR PERFECTION

Put aside time to prepare for a flawless paint job

THE SPACE
A clear and tidy space makes decorating significantly less stressful, as you don't have to worry about things getting in the way or being damaged during the process.
- Remove accessories and furniture and take down curtains and blinds.
- Loosen or tape around electrical cover plates on switches and outlets.
- Unscrew or tape over any window and door hardware, such as locks, handles and knobs.
- Place a plastic dust sheet on the floor and on any remaining furniture that needs protecting.

THE SURFACE
Before you open any tins of paint, it's important to make sure all your surfaces are clean and smooth.
- If there are any gaps or cracks in your walls, ceiling or woodwork, fill them using a filling knife and the correct filler for the surface from the **Polyfilla** range.
- Once all cracks and holes are filled and dried, it's time to sand. Using sandpaper and a block, gently sand down any places you've filled and any woodwork you'll be painting, like skirting or door frames.
- Lastly, wipe down surfaces to remove any dust and avoid dirt sticking to your freshly painted areas.

Polycell Polyfilla
Fill any holes or cracks in surfaces before painting for a long-lasting finish. Find the perfect filler for your job at polycell.co.uk

EXPERT KNOW-HOW
Matt Gray

"Set aside half a day to complete all your prep, so you can work quickly and efficiently when it comes to painting. You'll save yourself time, effort and maybe even money when you get the job done right the first time."

HIRE A PROFESSIONAL

Short on time or unsure of your skills? It's time to call a pro for a paint job to be proud of

1

ASK AROUND

Word of mouth is your first port of call: ask friends and family for tried-and-trusted recommendations. It's an added bonus if you can check out workmanship first-hand and assess quality. You can also ask us – our Dulux Select Decorators Service (see right) can put you in touch with expert tradespeople in your area. **To find out more, visit duluxselect decorators.co.uk.**

2

MEET UP

Get together in person for an initial chat – it'll give you a much better idea of whether you can work together than a phone call or email. Be specific about the level of prepping that you want and the finish that you expect. Do they understand your ideas? **You can share your colour plans via our free Dulux Visualizer App.**

3

REQUEST REFERENCES

No good tradesperson will mind you asking for references. Make sure you see some pictures of their prior work – you may even get some ideas and inspiration for your own project!

4

BEFORE STARTING

Once you've chosen your decorator, ask them to come round to talk through the job in full; and remember, it's important to put all your wishes in writing so there's no confusion down the line. Now's also the time to confirm the price and payment schedule, when they'll start the job, and how long it will take.

5

TALK PAINT

Discuss how much paint you'll need, and make sure you give your decorator the name, type and product code for each one, plus details on what goes where – all in writing. A plan of each room might be helpful, too.

6

CHECK IN

Keep an eye on progress as often as you can throughout the job, flagging any issues as and when they arise. Carefully review the job on completion so that any problems can be rectified before settling the bill.

7

SPREAD THE WORD

If you're happy with the job, share the decorator's details with your friends and family. People will appreciate the tip and your tradesperson will be happy to get more work.

FIND A PAINTER

DULUX SELECT DECORATORS

You can trust your local Dulux Select Decorator to deliver an exceptional service. With rigorous assessments and a guarantee in place, we make it easy for you to hire the right person for the job. Visit duluxselectdecorators.co.uk for more details.

EXPERT KNOW-HOW
Matt Gray

"Ask your decorator what kind of guarantee they can provide as most will carry out remedial work that may be needed at little or no cost."

HOW TO CHECK THE JOB

THE PREP
Ensure the walls are smooth once the prep is finished by running your hand along surfaces to feel for any imperfections. Plenty of good light will help you to check them properly.

THE DETAILS
After the painting is done, don't be afraid to point out any cutting-in lines, paint splatters or brush marks for your decorator to fix.

THE FINISH
In the same light in which they were decorated, check the surfaces are smooth with an even sheen and colour.

THE CHAT
Not happy with the end result? It's important that you trust your instincts and don't be afraid to voice your concerns.

PAINT PICKER

Choose the right paint with our floorplan guide

Once you've picked your palette, you just need to select the correct paint type for the job in hand, depending on the room and type of surface. This easy, at-a-glance floorplan helps you do just that, ensuring you'll get a finish that stays looking fantastic for years to come – long after the paint has dried.

DO THE MATHS

HOW MUCH PAINT DO I NEED?

ROLLER TESTER
Enough for a small patch on a wall

INTERIOR WOOD AND METAL
Perfect for a door or the skirting in a small room

FEATURE WALL
Ideal for painting a 2.5m interior wall

SMALL ROOM
Enough for all walls in a 2m x 2m or equivalent room

MEDIUM ROOM
Enough to cover all walls in a 4m x 4m or equivalent room

KNOW YOUR ZONES

WHICH PAINTS GO WHERE?

FOR CEILINGS
Dulux Magic White
Never miss a spot again with paint that fades from pink to white in under an hour, so you can see where you've painted.

FOR EXTERIORS
Dulux Weathershield
Get instant kerb appeal and guaranteed total weather protection.

FOR OUTDOOR WOODWORK
Cuprinol Garden Shades
Protection and colour for wooden benches, furniture and sheds.

FOR BUSY LIVING SPACES
Dulux Easycare
A washable and stain-repellent paint that takes the stress out of spills. Great for kids' bedrooms, too.

FOR BATHROOMS
Dulux Easycare Bathroom
This tough paint is steam- and moisture-resistant to stay looking good for longer.

FOR BEDROOMS
Dulux Once
Delivers a perfect finish with just one coat, ideal for when you're short of time.

FOR KITCHENS
Dulux Easycare Kitchen
A hard-wearing, washable matt paint that's also grease-resistant.

FOR DARK AREAS
Dulux Light+Space
With built-in light-reflecting technology, this paint helps make the most of smaller, darker rooms.

FOR WOODWORK AND METAL
Dulux Quick Dry
Save time and fuss with this self-undercoating paint, for use on woodwork and metal throughout the home.

ESSENTIAL PREP

FOR FILLING AND WALL PREPARATION
To ensure a long-lasting paint finish, prepare your walls first. **Dulux** recommends **Polycell** products to create the perfect foundation for your paint. **For practical advice and how-to videos, visit polycell.co.uk.**

THE ULTIMATE TOOL KIT

Choose your tools well and you can reuse them again and again – we call these 'the decorating dozen'

THE BASICS

Don't spend a fortune on lots of tools. To get started, all you need are the essentials. Buy additional items depending on the demands of the job at hand

Synthetic brushes
Versatile, long-lasting and well suited to the application of water-based paints, a small collection of different-sized synthetic brushes will see you through most interior projects.

Roller and tray
For large surface areas, a roller is recommended as it applies paint faster and with a more even finish – a 9" medium-pile roller is perfect for both ceilings and walls.

EXPERT KNOW-HOW
Matt Gray

"Consider possible interruptions before you get to work. If you have curious pets, close your doors and windows to keep them away from wet paint, or you may end up with colourful but unwelcome paw prints. When bringing your vision to life, don't be irritated by specks of paint flicking into your eyes – it can happen to anyone! Wear clear safety glasses to shield them. Try to decorate in good light and avoid the temptation to rush."

THE PREP SET

Spending that little bit of extra time on preparation before getting stuck in will help make the painting process seamless (and painless to boot!)

Dust sheets
Protect floors and furniture by covering exposed surfaces with good-quality dust sheets that you can keep and reuse for every paint project.

Fillers and putty-filling knife
For a smooth finish on surfaces, repair damage using a putty-filling knife, but fill gaps between walls and skirting boards using decorators' caulk (which is more flexible) and a damp sponge.

Sandpaper and block
Buying different types and grades of sandpaper, including flexible blocks, will help smooth rough surfaces quickly and give you a better finish to work with.

Absorbent cloths and dusting brush
These are useful for removing dust and wiping down surfaces before painting, especially if you've sanded. Otherwise, a vacuum cleaner does the job, too.

Tapes
Invest in quality adhesive masking tape to protect surfaces you'd like to leave unpainted, or want to paint in a different colour (skirting boards or ceilings). Use low-tack on painted, dry surfaces.

THE PAINT PICKS

Extend your decorating arsenal as you work on different projects around the home – these nice-to-haves are sure to help you out as you move from room to room

Mixing stick for stirring
Paint can separate in the tin, so make sure you stir it well before applying to ensure the colour and consistency are as they should be.

Ladder
Being able to reach all areas in the room safely is important, so make sure the steps you use are in good condition and tall enough for the job.

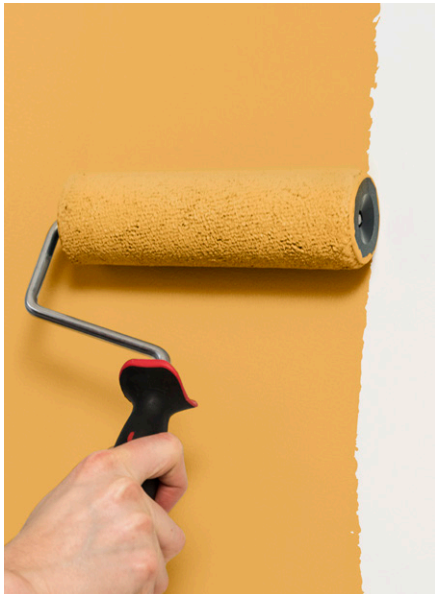
Extension pole
Painting large surface areas and hard-to-reach places can be made easier by attaching a roller to the end of one of these.

Additional rollers
Like brushes, rollers come in all different sizes. A selection of them means there'll be no paint job too large or small that can't be conquered.

Container
Clean rollers and brushes used for water-based paints in warm water; and those used for solvent-based paints with a brush cleaner.

THE DULUX PROMISE

We have total confidence in our products. And now you can, too



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THE EDIT

Combine a fresh colour with key pieces – and try your hand at winning the look

Painting your walls in one soft, silky shade gives you a pared-back canvas for styling the perfect room. To recreate this opulent look, accentuate the warm pink undertones of **Copper Blush** with rich accessories in deep blues, emerald greens and dark yellows. Layer the bed with coordinated throws and cushions, then bring everything together with a standout feature that picks up on a single colour in the decor – like these mustard curtains that match the throw. Love the look? Win the room with our easy competition, top right.

Copper Blush™

ABOVE AND RIGHT
Sanela yellow curtains; Sanela rectangular green velvet cushion; Gladom green tray table, all from Ikea. Teal cut vase; Pink pineapple glass ornament; Emile concrete pendant lamp, all from John Lewis. Hanging mirrors; Green knitted throw, both from Sainsbury's. Grey/black rug; Grey frilled duvet set, both from HomeSense. Copenhagen reversible grey throw; Dark grey pillowcases, both from M&S. Yellow wool throw, from TK Maxx. Yellow tasselled rectangular cushion, from The Shop Next Door at The George in Rye

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